

2027 APPLIED Exam Registration - Frequently Asked Questions

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When does APPLIED Exam registration take place?

A designated registration window for the 2027 APPLIED Exam will take place in ABA GO Sept. 2-30, 2026. Registration will not be operated on a first-come, first-served basis.

How will I know if I am eligible to register?

To be eligible to register for the APPLIED Exam, you will need a passing ADVANCED Exam score. Eligible candidates will receive direct email communications from the ABA regarding registration and will be able to register via a link in their ABA GO dashboard Sept. 2-30, 2026. If you have not received an email regarding 2027 APPLIED Exam registration, please contact us at coms@theaba.org to verify your candidate status.

Why does APPLIED Exam registration take place during a designated window?

The designated registration window mirrors standard ABA protocol for all other exams and allows a fair registration process for all eligible candidates. This registration structure does not prioritize exam week assignments based on the time and date of submission, providing candidates equal access to all exam weeks.

What if I'm not able to get online as soon as registration opens?

Switching to a designated registration window gives candidates a full month-long opportunity to have equal access to all exam weeks. Eligible candidates will have Sept. 2-30, 2026, to lock in their registration for the 2027 administration year, and there is no need to register as soon as registration opens. Registration timing will have no bearing on exam week assignments as this is not a first-come, first-served model.

What if I miss the registration window?

All eligible candidates who complete their registration in September will be guaranteed an exam appointment in the 2027 administration year. A second registration window will be open in early 2027 to allow newly eligible candidates, including those who pass the January 2027 ADVANCED Exam and 2026 Week 5 and 6 candidates who do not pass one or both components, an opportunity to register.

This secondary registration window is intended for those who are not currently eligible during the September registration window. If you are currently eligible and do not register in September, you will not be guaranteed a seat.

How will you prioritize exam week assignments based on rankings?

Registering candidates will be able to rank-order their preference for all six administration weeks. Once the registration window closes, we will sort candidates' rankings into a system and exam week assignments will be randomized according to this data. While we will do our best to accommodate preferences, we cannot guarantee a candidate's top choices.

I'm registered. What's next?

Once your registration has been received, your submission is unable to be changed, edited or resubmitted. You can view your week rankings at any time in your ABA GO portal dashboard by clicking 'view' beside your APPLIED Exam registration and then 'Ranked Choice Selection.'

Exam week assignments will be emailed to registered candidates in late November. Your official exam date and time will be emailed to you approximately two months before your exam week.

Can I change my exam week once it's been assigned to me?

If you have a medical or military reason and can provide independent documentation to be approved by APPLIED Exam staff, you may request one exam week change, free of charge, pending availability. To request an exam week change, please email APPLIEDExam@theaba.org.

If you do not have a medical or military reason and cannot provide independent documentation, you will be required to pay the full exam cancellation fee. All electronic payments are nonrefundable.

I'm a fellow. Will I be given priority on the spring dates so I can take my subspecialty exam?

We now offer an exception for candidates seeking ABA initial certification who are enrolled in an ACGME-accredited fellowship program and who are scheduled to take the APPLIED Exam in the year in which they are registering to take an ABA-administered (ACA, CCM, PA, PM) subspecialty certification examination. The results of a subspecialty certification examination taken under this policy exception will only be validated if the candidate is awarded ABA certification in the specialty of anesthesiology prior to their duration of candidate status expiring. For more information about this policy exception, click [here](#) to review section 5.10A of our Policy Book.

How do I request the use of medical devices, medicine or mobility devices during my exam?

If you are requesting the use of medical devices, medicine, or mobility devices (i.e. insulin pump, nitro glycerin pills, inhaler, hearing aids, medical bracelet, canes, wheelchairs, etc.), you will need to email APPLIEDExam@theaba.org at least two weeks prior to the first day of your assigned exam week with the specific medical device, medicine, or mobility device you will need during your exam.

I'm a nursing mother. How do I request accommodations?

If you are a nursing mother, you may request an additional 45 minutes of break time be added to the standard 15-minute break between components. This policy applies only to candidates who are taking both components of the APPLIED Exam.

If you need nursing mother accommodations, you will submit your nursing mother request between 90 and 120 days prior to the first day of your assigned exam week. You can view all nursing mother request deadlines on [our website](#).

Why is the ABA piloting the addition of an 8th OSCE Station in 2027?

The ABA will pilot an 8th OSCE Station during the 2027 APPLIED Exam as part of its Strategic Plan and broader commitment to evolve certification content and assess a more holistic set of skills relevant to modern anesthesiology practice. This pilot, which will take place during all 2027 APPLIED Exam weeks, is designed to help gather data and evaluate how two new OSCE station types perform under realistic administration conditions. Scoring for the pilot stations will be used for evaluation purposes only and will not impact candidate exam results.

Will I participate in the 8th OSCE Station pilot if I take the APPLIED Exam in 2027?

Yes. The pilot will be administered consistently for all 2027 APPLIED Exam weeks as part of the ABA's information-gathering process. All candidates will take place in the pilot and will participate in one of two scenarios: Airway Management or Team-Based Skills. The pilot station will be clearly identified and incorporated into the OSCE experience in a structured way, with clear direction provided to candidates

Will my results on the pilot station impact my APPLIED Exam score?

No. Scoring is for pilot purposes only and will have no impact on candidate's exam results.

Will the ABA share more about what to expect during this station?

Yes, the ABA will share resources and materials later this year.